

Medicare Advantage 2006 Enrollment Job Aid

Q: When can someone join a Medicare Advantage or Medicare Health plan?

A: If clients have Medicare Parts A and B, don't have End-Stage Renal Disease, and live in the service area of the plan they want to join, they generally have the following enrollment periods:

Folks newly eligible for Medicare due to age (turning 65)	Three months before birthday month, birthday month and three months after birthday month.
Folks newly eligible for Medicare due to disability	Three months before and after 24 th month of cash disability benefits.
Current Medicare beneficiaries	Between November 15, 2005 and May 15, 2006, and then November 15 to December 31 of each year.
Folks with full Medicaid	At any time.

Q: What is the special rule for joining Medicare Advantage or Medicare Health Plans in 2006?

In 2006, folks have until June 30, 2006 to join a Medicare Advantage or Medicare Health Plan. However, there are some limits on which plans recipients may switch to during this time:

Folks in a:	Who switch plans from:	May only switch to:
Medicare Advantage or Medicare Health plan with prescription coverage	May 16 – June 30, 2006	Another Medicare Advantage or Medicare Health plan with prescription coverage.
Medicare Advantage or Medicare Health plan <u>without</u> prescription coverage		Another Medicare Advantage or Medicare Health plan <u>without</u> prescription coverage.

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Adam												X	
Asotin												X	
Benton												X	
Chelan												X	
Clallam						X		X				X	
Clark				X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
Columbia						X						X	
Cowlitz					X	X						X	
Douglas												X	
Ferry												X	
Franklin												X	
Garfield												X	
Grant												X	
Grays Harbor			X									X	
Island			X			X						X	
Jefferson												X	
King			X			X		X				X	X

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Kitsap			X			X		X				X	
Kittitas						X						X	
Klickitat						X						X	
Lewis			X		X	X						X	
Lincoln												X	
Mason			X			X						X	
Okanogan												X	
Pacific												X	
Pend Oreille												X	
Pierce			X			X		X				X	X
San Juan			X			X						X	
Skagit			X					X				X	
Skamania						X						X	
Snohomish			X			X		X				X	X
Spokane	X		X			X					X	X	
Stevens						X						X	
Thurston			X			X		X				X	
Wahkiakum					X	X						X	
Walla Walla						X						X	
Whatcom			X			X		X				X	
Whitman												X	
Yakima		X				X		X				X	